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A number of specimens have been purchased by the Section, and added to the collection of the Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. RAND,

*Director.*

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#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF INVERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY.

The Professor of Invertebrate Paleontology respectfully reports that owing to protracted absence in Mexico and Yucatan, acting as director of the scientific expedition organized under the auspices of the Academy, he was unable to participate in the regular spring course of instruction. He hopes, however, to make good the deficiency by extending the course of lectures contemplated for the coming season.

The collections of the Academy in the department of Paleontology continue to receive steady accessions of material, so that it is able to maintain itself as one of the leading departments of the institution. Among the more important accessions of the year is a large collection of Eocene fossils from the State of Texas, kindly presented by the State Geologist, Mr. E. T. Dumble. The collections obtained in Mexico and Yucatan by the Academy's expedition, which still largely await critical examination, are a contribution alike new to science and to the Academy's museum.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELO HEILPRIN.

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#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ETHNOLOGY AND ARCHÆOLOGY.

In the early months of 1890 I delivered a series of ten lectures on the "General Science of Ethnography," including its main principles and their application to the study of man throughout the world.

These lectures were well attended, from 150 to 175 being the average number of persons present. They appeared to excite an interest in the subject, and at the request of several of the auditors the lectures have since been written out and published under the title, "Races and Peoples; Lectures on the Science of Ethnography." It is believed that the attention thus directed to this important